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As a retired Judge of a State Court for thirty-seven years I have never seen a party who has lost the lawsuit (having been found guilty of acts prohibited by law) come off with no penalty other than being restricted from doing what the law restricts it from doing in the first place. It is unfortunate that the remedy fashioned by Judge Jackson had to be reversed because of personal failings of the Judge rather than from any defect in his logic or reasoning.

The court should reject the proposed settlement which has come about by a change in government with a different approach toward monopoly. Microsoft should not benefit by stonewalling until this change occurred and should not now be left in the same position of monopoly that it had before the national election. It should be bereft of the power to again violate the law rather than just promising not to do it any more. The ultimate judgment should make impossible further abuses of our free enterprise system.

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